

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

March 20, 2009

Chairman John Spratt
House Budget Committee
207 Cannon House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Spratt:

President Obama has made transitioning to a clean energy economy, increasing energy independence and stopping global warming a centerpiece of his proposed budget. We strongly support the President's leadership on these issues, which are among the most profound and urgent challenges America faces today. As you craft the House Budget Resolution, we urge you to ensure that it reflects the President's priorities in this area by assuming at least \$646 billion in revenue from reducing global warming emissions over the next 10 years.

The effects of global warming are visible here and now. From more intense hurricanes in the Atlantic to declining mountain snowpack aggravating water shortages in the West to California's increasingly destructive wildfire season, global warming is already harming our economy, health, and environment. As you know, our dependence on fossil fuels that contribute to global warming is also a significant threat to both our economic security and national security.

President Obama's proposed budget demonstrates his commitment to addressing global warming and transitioning America to a clean energy economy. Reducing global warming emissions to the levels justified by the science and putting a price on carbon will both protect the planet and transform the way America uses energy, reducing our dependence on oil while harnessing the wind and the sun to repower America. It also will put millions of Americans to work in new green jobs – building wind turbines, installing solar panels, weatherizing homes, and laying a smarter electric grid that will power our new energy economy – and help rebuild the economy on a sound foundation.

Specifically, President Obama's proposed budget includes at least \$646 billion in revenues over 10 years from reducing global warming emissions and requiring polluters to pay for allowances to pollute. While the relevant authorizing committees need to develop the legislative details of this proposal in the coming weeks and months, the first step is to put Congress on track to deliver for the President.

As you craft the House Budget Resolution, it is essential that the budget make full allowance for at least \$646 billion in revenues over 10 years from reducing global warming

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emissions. We look forward to working with you to pass a budget that reflects the President's priorities.

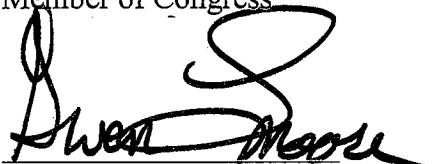
Sincerely,


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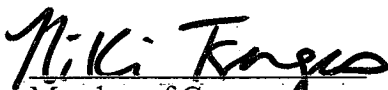

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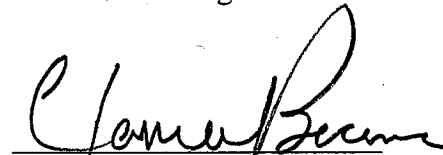

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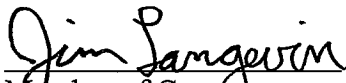

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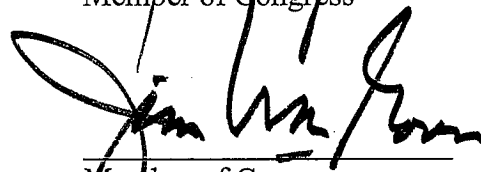

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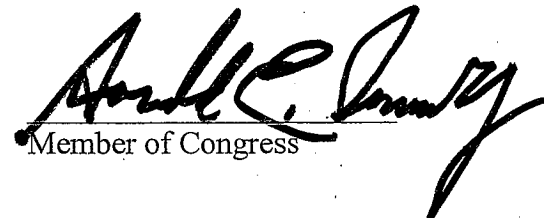

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